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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL****MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a utility patent application

Of: Rudolf Neumann, Olaf Winterhalter, Carsten Etling, Guido Schmid and Holger Schoenfelder

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FILLING THE BEARING GAP OF A  
HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING WITH A LUBRICANT**

ENCLOSED are the following:

1. ☒ Specification, abstract and claims ( 30 pages)
2. ☒ 5 sheets of ☐ formal ☒ informal drawings (Figs. 1-5)  
Suggested Figure for Publication:
3. ☒ Declaration  
☐ signed ☒ unsigned  
☐ Copy from a prior application (for continuation/divisional)
4. ☒ Application Data Sheet
5. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
6. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449
7. ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation sheet (*Fee calculated separately*)
8. ☐ The prior application is assigned to: \_\_\_\_\_.  
The assignment was recorded on \_\_\_\_\_ at reel \_\_\_\_\_ and frame \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ A copy of the assignment from the prior application is enclosed.
9. ☐ Non-Publication Request
10. ☐ Other:

**NOTE the following:**

11. ☐ This application is made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (b) and is a  
☐ Continuation ☐ Continuation-In-Part ☐ Divisional

of Prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

12. ☐ An Extension of time is filed concurrently herewith for the parent application.
13. Small Entity Status:
- ☐ Applicant is a small entity
- ☐ Small entity status claimed in the parent application is no longer proper
14. ☒ Applicants claim priority from the following application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 119:
15. ☐ Applicants claim priority from the following application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Certified Copy Encl.</u>
103 15 222.9	Germany	March 31, 2003	Yes
103 15 223.7	Germany	March 31, 2003	Yes

16. ☐ Cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_ prior to calculation of the filing fee.

**FILING FEE:** calculated below (after accounting for any preliminary amendment or claims cancellations if noted above):

Basic Filing Fee			\$770.00
Total No. Claims 55	Extra Claims(Total-20) 35	Fee / claim \$18.00	\$630.00
Total No. Independent Claims 2	Extra Independ.(No.-3)	Fee / claim \$86.00	
Multiple dependent claim? + \$280			
<b>Sub-Total</b>			<b>\$1,400.00</b>
Small Entity? less 50%			
<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>			<b>\$1,400.00</b>

17. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed (must at least cover the basic fee).
- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$630.00 in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0675, Order No. 057517-0054.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0675, Order No. 057517-0054.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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